

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea Serving Southwick, Portslade, Hangleton and West Blatchington

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If you use Facebook, please join our group page, **Catholics West Hove**

www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

This week the foodbank needs:

Cooking Sauce (e.g. curry); Instant Custard; Loo Rolls; Pasta Sauce; Shower Gel;

Spray Deodorant (more hygienic to share than roll-ons); Squash; Sweet Snacks (e.g. chocolate); **Tinned Custard;**

Toothbrushes - multipacks of four and single packs (we do not open packs for hygiene reasons); Vegetarian Tinned Meals (e.g. veg chilli or curry)

Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of either of our churches. Thank you for your support.

26th November 2023: Christ The King Weekdays: Week 34, Year 1

Fr Tony Writes:

Today is the feast of Christ the King-the end of the liturgical year, when we look forward to the time when all creation comes under Christ's rule.

Next weekend Advent begins, and we begin a new liturgical year. We have chosen that new beginning as the time to re-introduce Holy Communion under both kinds at Sunday Masses.



In order to be able to offer Communion from the chalice on Sundays, we will also be commissioning our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Masses.



This is a good point at which to remind ourselves of some theological and practical points.

- Jesus is fully present under either form of Holy Communion, whether the Sacred Host or the Precious Blood. So it is, of course not necessary to receive under both kinds. However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (Roman Missal, n. 281).
- When receiving Communion from the chalice, the minister will offer you the chalice with the words, "The Blood of Christ". You respond, "Amen" and take the chalice from the minister with both hands, take a small sip of the Precious Blood, and then return the chalice to the minister.
- While the risk of passing on any infection via the chalice is low, it is courteous not to receive from the chalice if you know you have an infectious disease.

We will also be marking the 'New Year' by launching our Parish Directory. I will be saying more about that next week, but it will be a great opportunity to recognise the many different things that go on in our parish, and also to say 'thank you' to all those who help make them possible.

Our final SycamOre session this Wednesday will be: The Meaning of Love

What is love? How can I find genuine love and friendship? How can I learn to love those around me? What does it mean to know that I am loved by God? This Sycamore film looks at the meaning of love and gives lots of stories from the Bible and from the example of the saints about how love can transform our lives.

7:45pm, St Theresa's

There will be Mass at 7pm, followed by refreshments. After the session, at around 9 pm, there will be Night Prayer.

All welcome, even if you have not been to previous sessions.



During Advent we will be offering the Invited Course provided by the diocese. The sessions will take place after the Wednesday 7pm

Mass, in a similar way to Sycamore. For more information about Invited see www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. For more information and ways to support them see: cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly:

Cheryl Evans, Colette, Elizabeth Hopkins, Julie Laker, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

Those on our regular prayer list including: Eileen McLoughlin, Joyce Monasingh, Maria Parente, Jean Ryan, Chris & Vince Neal.

Those who have died recently especially:

Patrick Atkinson and Malcolm Allwright. A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Reflection & Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday 2nd December, 2 to 4pm, St Theresa's

We are planning to re-introduce Communion from the Chalice at Sunday Masses from the beginning of Advent. This time of reflection and training is for both new and current ministers.

2pm: Short talk on the Eucharist

2:45: Practicalities of distributing Holy

Communion during Mass

2:15: Adoration

aHt.

3:45 Tea & cake

We invite all ministers and prospective ministers from the parish to join us for this. If you would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Tony.





Our parish has been asked to take part in a Christmas Tree Festival, hosted by St Peter's church, West Blatchington (just up the road from our St George's). Our chosen theme is: 'Oh I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside'. Please do go along and look at our tree, decorated by the children of our parish.

18 Decorated Trees
Memory Tree
Craft Table
Pop-up Café
Treasure Hunt
Silent Auction
Entrance: Adults £2.50, Children 50p
Thursday 30th November: 1pm – 8pm
Friday 1st December: 1pm – 8pm
Saturday 2nd December: 10am – 4pm
Advent Carols on: Sunday 3rd December at 5pm

MISSIO Red Boxes

If anyone has a red box that needs emptying please bring it to church as we are trying to complete this before Christmas. Teresa at St Theresa's or Patti Cooke at St George's. Thank you for the support the Parish has shown for the missionaries.



CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

11am Mass, St George's

Mary Sumner RIP

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at <u>cafod.org.uk/ipc</u> or call 0303 303 3030. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. *Thank you for your prayers.*

Consultation on admission arrangements for St Mary's Catholic Primary School for 2025-26

Academic Year. Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation that the governing body as the admission authority for St Mary's Catholic Primary School is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2025-26. The six-week (minimum) consultation will begin on 20th November 2023 with the closing date for submitting comments being 1st January 2024. Please see church notice boards for further information.